

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application for Exemption Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 853(b), or in the Alternative, Approval under Public Utilities Code Section 854(a) for the Transfer of Control of Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession, (U-6030-C) from Metromedia Fiber Network Inc., Debtor-In-Possession, to a Reorganized Metromedia Fiber Network Inc.

Application 03-06-010
(Filed June 10, 2003)

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING PROTEST PERIOD**

On June 10, 2003, Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. (MFNS) and Metromedia Fiber Network Inc. (MFN)(jointly, Applicants)¹ applied for an exemption from Pub. Util. Code § 854 to permit the “non-material transfer of control of MFNS from MFN to a newly reorganized Metromedia Fiber Network Inc.” in accordance with a Plan of Reorganization that would enable the newly reorganized entity to emerge from bankruptcy. In the alternative, Applicants seek expedited approval of the transfer of control under Pub. Util. Code § 854(a).

Applicants state that the Commission's expedited consideration of this matter is essential to the restoration of MFNS' long-term financial viability and ability to continue to serve its customers in California. Under the Plan of Reorganization, obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals is a precondition

¹ Applicants are Debtors-In- Possession.

to emergence from bankruptcy. The Applicants have sought an August 14, 2003 hearing on the Plan of Reorganization.

Under Rule 44.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, parties have 30 days from the date of notice in the Daily Calendar to protest or respond to an application, unless otherwise provided by rule, decision or General Order. To promptly address Applicants' need for expedited review, it is necessary to significantly shorten the protest and/or response period of Application 03-06-010.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The date for any protests and/or responses to Application 03-06-010 shall be shortened from 30 days following the date of notice in the Daily Calendar to seven days from the date of this ruling, or June 24, 2003.
2. Any protests, responses and further pleadings filed in this matter shall also be sent to the attention of Administrative Law Judge Jacqueline A. Reed and electronically mailed to her at jar@cpuc.ca.gov.

Dated June 17, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

Angela K. Minkin, Chief
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Chief Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Protest Period on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 17, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

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